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Dear Sirs I know not but you are upon your  
return home, if you be a pleasant journey to you  
but you will not I fear find us a bit better people  
than you left us, we are more extravagant, selfish  
oppressive than we were last year - and then you  
will know we were bare enough - what can be done  
with this light commodity which makes such strange  
work amongst us, it cost me as much to live one  
month as it used to in a year, but the mischief is that  
I know not where to get it, to day Labour I cannot  
go because forsooth they have placed my Husband  
in a Station that must not be so disgraced - yet had  
he been left in his own Station, I need not have had  
a care of this kind -

It is true says one that Manhood  
in general are worthless and ungratefull set of  
beings for a Man to wear out himself in serving  
but if we do not lay out ourselves in the service of  
man kind whom should we serve? our own insigni-  
ficant selves that would be serv'd indeed -

Thus I rush all my mur-  
murs by considering we are all embarked upon  
the same bottom, as if our Country sinks we must  
sink with it, - I believe we shall be a pretty  
screw in this quarter this winter, How is your



to New York to winter, & Count Desfains has made  
this harbour impregnable - by the way I am  
going on board the Fleet tomorrow by a particular  
invitation, I will tell you all about it when  
I return - your good sister Hannah has been  
with me these 5 weeks & presents her love to you  
your Mamma was well to day & here for  
a rarity - no news yet from my absent  
friend, how cruel this suspense - present my  
most sincere regards to Mr L - for his kind  
attention to me, I will thank him myself  
soon, at present adieu in haste from your

affectionate friend  
Portia

O I hope you are perfectly recovered  
Hardwick desires if you cannot procure  
no 6 that you would try for no 7 -



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Mr John Thaxter.

To

Philadelphia

Wm. Adams  
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